

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Please insert the following new claims.

44.(new)      A safe comprising:

- 2                    a housing;
- a door moveably mounted to the housing;
- 4                    an electronic lock including a lock control circuit for selectively opening or  
locking the door; and
- 6                    a control unit operatively associated with the electronic lock for monitoring  
activities performed with the safe, the control unit comprising a communication interface for
- 8                    communication on an external network, the control unit transmitting information associated with  
the monitored activities to a user via the external network.

45.(new)      The safe of claim 44 wherein the monitored activities comprise

- 2                    transactions performed with the electronic lock.

46.(new)      The safe of claim 44 wherein the electronic lock comprises a

- 2                    duress sensor and the control unit transmits indication of a duress condition determined by the  
duress sensor.

47.(new) The safe of claim 44 wherein the control unit transmits information  
2 associated with the monitored activities to a user via the external network with an email  
notification.

48.(new) The safe of claim 44 wherein the control unit monitors transactions  
2 with the electronic lock over a period of time and records information related to said transactions  
that identifies the type of transaction performed through the electronic lock, and the recorded  
4 information is transmitted over the communication interface.

49.(new) The safe of claim 48 wherein the control unit stores an audit trail of  
2 monitored transactions including security information associated with each monitored  
transaction.

50.(new) The safe of claim 44 wherein the control unit comprises a  
2 programmed computer using a graphical user interface based operating system.

51.(new) The safe of claim 44 wherein the communication interface  
2 comprises a modem.

52.(new) The safe of claim 44 further comprising a video capture device  
2 operatively associated with the control unit for monitoring an external area proximate the safe,  
wherein the monitored activities comprise video information recorded by the control unit.

53.(new) An apparatus for monitoring a safe comprising:  
2 an electronic lock for controlling a safe and through which a plurality of different  
types of transactions can be performed;  
4 a control unit coupled to said electronic lock for controlling said electronic lock  
and recording security information related to the different types of transactions, the control unit  
6 comprising a communication interface for communication on an external network, the control  
unit transmitting recorded security information to a user via the external network.

54.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 wherein the  
2 monitored activities comprise transactions performed with the electronic lock.

55.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 wherein the  
2 electronic lock comprises a duress sensor and the control unit transmits indication of a duress  
condition determined by the duress sensor.

56.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 wherein the  
2 control unit transmits recorded security information to a user via the external network with an  
email notification.

57.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 wherein the  
2 control unit monitors transactions with the electronic lock over a period of time and records  
security information related to said transactions that identifies the type of transaction performed  
4 through the electronic lock, and the recorded information is transmitted over the communication  
interface.

58.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 57 wherein the  
2 control unit stores an audit trail of monitored transactions including security information  
associated with each monitored transaction.

59.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 wherein the  
2 control unit comprises a programmed computer using a graphical user interface based operating  
system.

60.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 wherein the  
2 communication interface comprises a modem.

61.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 further comprising  
2 a video capture device operatively associated with the control unit for monitoring an external  
area proximate the safe, wherein the security information comprise video information recorded  
4 by the control unit.

62.(new) The apparatus for monitoring a safe of claim 53 wherein the  
2 control unit selectively marks the recorded security information in response to the occurrence of  
at least one specific transaction.